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CROSS-COUNTRY WIRE

Now, the 'Fearsome Fivesome'

A new man has been added to the White House "awesome foursome" that meets at lunch each Tuesday to discuss top-level foreign policy. Joining the present four—LBJ, McGeorge Bundy, Dean Rusk and Robert McNamara—will be Bill D. Moyers, the President's press secretary and aide-of-all-work.

OVERSEAS CABLES

Grandpère de Gaulle

The diplomatic circuit is buzzing over an offhand remark dropped by President Johnson at a recent White House luncheon. Talking to a group of Washington envoys about Charles de Gaulle, LBJ characterized the French President as a "grouchy grandfather" who had to be tolerated "as long as he stayed in the house." The President's homely metaphor was promptly relayed to Paris—and de Gaulle was reported sizzling.

Russia's New Defenses

U.S. intelligence experts have two divergent views on the new missiles now in place around more than half a dozen Soviet cities. The Army is convinced that the Kremlin has developed a new, advanced anti-ICBM defense system. Other intelligence agencies, however, contend the missiles are simply an improved anti-aircraft defense against manned bombers.

Distance Lends Security

Quietly, but firmly, Bonn has vetoed the site chosen for a new Soviet Embassy in the West German capital. Reason: the spot, an expensive location in the hills outside the city, would put the inevitable Soviet monitors too close to German defense headquarters.

All Spies Together

While ex-CIA chief Allen Dulles has his own reputation as a master spy, his Tokyo publishers are hedging their bets. Posters for his newly translated book, "The Craft of Intelligence," not only mention Dulles and the CIA, but a black border repeats over and over the James Bond identification number "007."

Hello . . . ?

The schedule for the Vietnam run of "Hello, Dolly!" is getting top-secret treatment in Saigon. Reason: Dolly will play at bases the Viet Cong could hit with mortars. Army security does not want to let the guerrillas know when or where the GI's will be gathered for the show.

INSIDE STORY

A Favor for a Friend

President Johnson saw to it that Lockheed's \$2 billion contract for the C-5A jet (page 80) produced some political mileage for an old friend, Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia (where the plane will be built). Two days before the C-5A award, Russell, who faces a tough campaign next year, was called to the White House and stayed far into the night. Next morning, Russell made headlines by hinting to Atlanta newsmen that Lockheed—and Georgia—were in.

The Shrinking Empire

Learning to speak Chinese, traditionally one of the jolliest of all assignments for British military and Foreign Service officers, may soon require more of a stiff upper lip. Instead of shipping the students off to Hong Kong and all those distractions, London is thinking of building a walled village in Wales where language courses could be taken in a "controlled environment."

Across the Wall

A favorite East German propaganda weapon—fingering prominent West Germans as onetime Nazis—has boomeranged. West Berlin's Committee of Free Jurists has come up with a list of 243 former Nazis now holding down top jobs for Red boss Walter Ulbricht, including 53 deputies of the East German Parliament and a Deputy Prime Minister.

Who Makes What News?

Critics have struck home with those charges that the White House has been hogging the headlines by releasing news stories that could and should have been handled by other agencies. (Thirty-four routine announcements marked one recent Texas weekend.) For the next 60 days, the White House will release no stories normally handled by other departments. During that time, the President's aides will make a study of what news should and should not carry the Johnson imprimatur.